

NAME: GEHLEN, Reinhard

(ex-Brig. Gen.)

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GEHLEN, Reinhard

BIRTHDATE: 3 Apr 1902

ALIAS: Dr. SCHNEIDER

BIRTHPLACE: Erfurt, Thuringia

V:

RESIDENCE: Berg am Starnberger See

TELEPHONE:

Waldstr. 68 (near Munich)

VEHICLE:

RELIGION: Protestant

LICENSE #(s):

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AS OF 1958

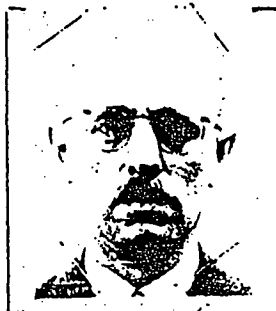
HEIGHT: 5' 8 1/2"

WEIGHT: 145-160

EYES: blue

HAIR: dk blond, balding

PHOTO DATE: prob pr 51



BUILD: medium

TEETH:

OTHER: glasses, skull

mustache, military

bearing, looks

young for age.

FATHER: Walther GEHLEN, deceased 1943

DOB/POB: 24 Jul 1871 in Koblenz

MOTHER: Katharina GEHLEN, deceased 1921

DOB/POB: 12 Jun 1881

(NEE: von VASSENHOF)

SPOUSE: Herta Charlotte Agnes Helene GEHLENDORF DOB: 17 Mar/Apr 1904 in Leobschuetz, S.

(NEE: von SEYDLITZ-KURZBACH)(who see)

CHILDREN: Katharina OVERHOLZER nee GEHLEN DOB/POB: 19 Jan 1934 in Berlin

(who see)

Christoph GEHLEN

DOB/POB: 11 Feb 1937 in Berlin

Marie Therese GEHLEN

DOB/POB: 4 Sep 1940 in Liegnitz

Dorothea GEHLEN

28 Feb 1943 in Liegnitz

OTHER RELATIVES W/UPSWING:

Giovanni GEHLEN, brother, who see

UPSWING DEPLOYMENT

DOB: summer 1945

Jan 1946

RAIK:

POSITION: President

SECTION: BND

FROM: Origin TO:

Note: For details of GEHLEN's background and experience see following pages.

DATE TERMINATION OR SEPARATION:

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b. 3 Apr 1902.

Chronological Information:

1908-20 Humanistisches Gymnasium Breslau. Graduated.
1920, Apr Entered military service (artillery).
1923 Comissioned Second Lieutenant.
1928 Promoted First Lieutenant.
1931, Oct Married Herta (nee von SKIELITZ-KURZBACH) GEHLEN on 11 Oct 1931, Glogau.
1933 Travelled to Rome, Italy (leave).
1933, Fall-
1935, Jan Attended War Academy, Berlin.
1934 Promoted Captain.
1937 Travelled to Finland and Sweden (leave).
1937-38 First General Staff Officer 10 Department Fortifications.
1937-45 German Wehrmacht troop duty Poland, France, Yugoslavia, Greece, Russia.
1938-39 Battery Commander.
1939, Mar Promoted Major.
39 Sep-Nov Ia (G-3) 213th Infantry Division.
1939, Nov-
1940, Jul OKH Gruppe Landesbefestigung (Chief, Fortifications Sect. General Staff).
40 Jul-Nov Aide (Adjutant) to Chief of General Staff, General HALDER.
1940 Nov-
1942 Apr Chief Gruppenleiter I, Ost (Sect Chief within Dept for Plans and Operations).
1941 Jul Promoted Lieutenant Colonel.
1942 Apr-
1945 Apr Chief ABT Fremde Heere Ost.
1942 Dec Promoted Colonel.
1944 Dec Promoted Brigadier General.
1945 Apr Dismissed by Special Order of Hitler on 9th of April.
1945 May Prisoner of War, U.S. Forces, on 23 May.
1945 May Prisoner of War arrived at the 12th Army Group IC on 27 May.
1945 end Prisoner of War sent to USA by War Department.
1946 Jun Prisoner of War returned from the States on 5 June.
1946 Jul Since has cooperated with USIS.
1946 Reinhard GEHLEN
Profession: Merchant
Address: c/o Dr. ERHARDT
10 Guentherburg Allee
Frankfurt a/M.
1946 on Several trips to Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Spain and France.
1946 Jul 12-
Nov 30 Subject documented as having lived in Washington, D. C. during this period.
Jan 19 German stamp.
" 19 London Airport.
" 22 Harwick, England.
" 23 Hook of Holland.
" 23 Kon. Warechaus Venlo stat. (Dutch border).
" 23 German stamp.
56 May 30 Dover.
" 30 Belgie-U Havenoostende.
" 30 Belgique-E Herbesihal 27.
Jun 1 Belgique-S Herbesihal.
" 1 Belgie-S Havenoostende Zeevaartpolitie 11.
" 1 Dover.

This Information
was extracted from
Robert GRABER's
passport,
(Immigration stampings).

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GHELEN von VAHNSCHTCK, Reinhard: Occasional references to this name which would indicate that either Subject or his father combined their surname with that of Subject's mother -- fairly common practise in Germany.

ALIASES: Dr. Richard SCHNEIDER, b. 4 Mar 1905. Covername used within the Org.
Richard GARNER, b. 3 Apr 1902.
Robert GONTARD, b. 4 Mar 1905.
(Subject has been issued at various times German identity papers in connection with the three aliases mentioned above).
Hans HOLHEIN, b. 21 Jan 1905. Issued AGO-card 8-147996. This alias used only occasionally, for instance in travelling to Austria.
Dr. GROSCH: These aliases used whenever special precautionary measures are warranted and wherever mistaken identity with another person of the same name is desirable.
Robert GRABER, b. 5 Jun 1904, Liegnitz, Schlesien. (Kaufmann).

BORN: 3 Apr 1902; Erfurt, Thuringia, Germany.

RELIGION: Protestant.

RESIDENCE: Berg a/Staraberger See, Waldstr 68. (near Jemlich, Germany).

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Photo.

Height: 174 cms. Weight: 65-72 kg. Eyes: blue. Hair: dark blonde, central baldness.
Face-shape: round. Complexion: light. Build: medium.
Scars:
Prominent ident. features: military bearing, extremely young looking compared with chronological years, small mustache, wears glasses.

FATHER: GHELEN, Walther; b. 24 Jul 1871 in Koblenz. Deceased 1943.
(Director of a Publishing Firm in Leipzig. Former Army officer; retired after WW I with the rank of Lt. Col. Re-activated in WW II, held unimportant administrative position).
Margarete

MOTHER: GHELEN, Katharina/b. 12 Jan 1881 (nee von VAHNSCHTCK). Deceased 1921.

WIFE: GHELEN, Herta Charlotte Agnes Helene b. 17 Mar/Apr 1904, Leobersdorf, Austria.
(the daughter of Friedrich-Wilhelm and Meta (nee KICHERER) von STEINLITZ-BREITBACH).

SIBLINGS: GHELEN, Katharina b. 19 Jan 34, Berlin.
GHELEN, Christoph b. 11 Feb 37, Berlin.
GHELEN, Marie Therese b. 4 Sep 40, Liegnitz.
GHELEN, Dorothea b. 28 Feb 43, Liegnitz.

OTHER RELATIVES: Subject is one of four children resulting from three marriages by his father, each following the death of the previous wife. One of these marriages resulted in two children and each of the others in one. At least one of the wives had been previously married and had children. Thus Subject has full, half, and step brothers and sisters.

GHELEN, Giovanni b. 15 Mar 1901, Rome, Italy.

GHELEN, Walter (Dr) b. ca 1905, Germany. Book-editor. Killed during bombardment of Nuremberg on 20 Feb 1945.

GHELEN, Anna (sister). Died in the Orient (Siam) during the war.

von GHELEN, Barbara (nee GHELEN) b. 5 Jul 1912 Breslau, Germany. (Barbara married a distant relative, Walter Carlos von GHELEN, an ex-Army employee, trained lawyer, who had worked for the British as a spy project in Italy, also listed as an accountant. He was transferred to Lisbon from Brazil where he is presently listed as the Counselor for Economic Affairs of the German Legation, Lisbon, Portugal).

SCHNEIDER, Hans Dietrich (Dr of medicine) b. 4 Jan 09 Göttingen, Braunschweig.
(Dr) also a step-brother.

von GHELEN, Joachim Hans August von b. 7 Dec 11 Liebenberg. Brother-in-law.

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BOO: 1946, JNIS Co-operation;
Payroll No: 3002. Jan 55 pr, from "S" to "P" category: LW 1215/250.
Emergency No:
Position: Chief, Section 28 (ex-Section 30).
Organization:
Cover Unit: Industrial Research Unit.
7924 Army Procurement Team.
Subject is connected with Bavarian Light Metals Works.
Special Connections No: 20
Housing Loan No. 8, dated 1 Apr 51.
Bank: Bayerische Vereinsbank, Munich.

DOCUMENTATION:

Passport: Reinhard GEHLEN via VARENEWICK, TTD # 0006485 (50-51).
Reinhard GEHLEN, TTD 0006440 issued Stuttgart, 30 Sep 49 valid to 30 Mar 50 for USA.
TTD 0006329 valid for Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Spain and France (50).
TTD 0587767 issued 20 Jun 51 for UDRACO purpose.
Passport No. 849/51.
Robert GONTARD: Passport No. 186070.
Passport No. 49203.
Robert GRAHER: Passport No. 7203699, Reg. Nr. CA-1004/54 issued 5 Nov 54, Munich, profession: Kaufmann.

Karte: Reinhard GEHLEN: H 519712, 3 Mar 47, Police President, Frankfurt/M.
B Q3611.

Richard SCHNEIDER: H 478959 (also listed as H 478055). Address: Munich, Seefeldstr 8.

Pistol Permit: Reinhard GEHLEN: Automatic pistol permit GC 01082, 20 Mar 51.
Pistol Permit, F & D, B 016419, 6 Feb 53, automatic pistol, Belg. Browning, Ser # 108877.
Richard SCHNEIDER: Gun permit GC 01025, F & D, 1 Mar 51, automatic pistol German Walther PPK, Serial # 227066 K.

7th Army R Letter: Issued 29 Jul 53.

ZIPPER ID Card: B Q3611.

ZIPPER "E" Card:

Gate Pass: Richard SCHNEIDER, # 1048.

REFERENCES: MOWA-870.

27 Jul 49	WASH-316.	15 Jul 50	PULLF-801.	11 Mar 52	MGLA-10713.	2 Oct 54, MGLA-
27 Jul 49	MGM-3446.	17 Jul 50	WASH-9915.	28 Mar 52	MSEA-5170.	10921.
27 Jul 49	MGM-3780.	18 Jul 50	MGM-5501.	11 Apr 52	MQA-3402.	25 Jan 55 EGEN-
27 Jul 49	MGLA-12714.	19 Jul 50	MOWA-30774.	22 Apr 52	MQA-3873.	1296.
27 Jul 49	MGA-12751.	19 Jul 50	MGLA-2658.	17 May 52	MGLA-11678.	18 May 55 MGLA-
27 Jul 49	MGLA-1015.	28 Aug 50	MOWA-22038.	29 May 52	MGLA-11778.	14168.
27 Jul 49	MGA-14279.	28 Aug 50	MGM-6130.	17 Jun 52	PULLF-3715.	26 Aug 55 PULL-
27 Jul 49	MGLA-1419.	6 Sep 50	MGM-6180.	19 Aug 52	MGLA-12873.	146.
27 Jul 49	MGLA-14959.	20 Sep 50	MGA-5751.	27 Aug 52	MGLA-12955.	2 Sep 55 PULL-
20 Mar 50	MGLA-1540.	19 Oct 50	PULLF-1195.	10 Sep 52	MGLA-113.	1773.
20 Mar 50	MGLA-15432.	23 Oct 50	WASH-17828.	26 Sep 52	MGLA-323.	16 Dec 55 MGA-
3 Apr 50	MGA-3635.	30 Oct 50	MGLA-3904.	3 Oct 52	SPULL-4217.	72148.
3 Apr 50	MGA-3636.	9 Nov 50	MGA-4364.	6 Nov 52	MSEA-253.	28 Dec 55 MSEA-
17 Apr 50	MGA-3657.	30 Dec 50	MGLA-4584.	13 Nov 52	SPULL-4439.	7814.
18 Apr 50	MGLA-1806.	17 Feb 51	MGLA-5260.	15 Jan 53	MSEA-542.	28 Mar 56 MGLA-
18 Apr 50	MGM-1735.	10 Mar 51	MGLA-5608.	11 Feb 53	MGLA-1800.	2369.
9 May 50	PULLF-579.	4 Apr 51	PULL-1963.	20 Apr 53	SPULL-5474.	19 Oct 56, MGLA-
15 May 50	WASH-4701.	14 Jun 51	MGLA-6849.	29 Apr 53	SPULL-5551.	21104.
17 May 50	PULLF-612.	20 Jun 51	MOWA-30219.	30 Apr 53	SPULL-5551.	
3 Jun 50	MGA-3878.	22 Jul 51	MGLA-7487.	8 Oct 53	MGLA-2918.	
9 Jun 50	PULLF-685.	30 Jul 51	MGLA-7582.	8 Oct 53	MGLA-5818.	
14 Jun 50	MGM-5212.	8 Oct 51	MGLA-8460.	2 Nov 53	SPULL-1214.	
5 Jul 50	MGM-5372.	5 Jan 52	MSEA-716.	6 Jan 54	MGLA-6975.	
7 Jul 50	MGLA-2524.	24 Jan 52	MSEA-1237.	8 Jan 54	DIR-33337.	
10 Jul 50	MGLA-2603.	12 Feb 52	MGLA-10303.	9 Feb 54	MGLA-3748.	

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Outline of career of Reinhard GEHLEN as presented in Der Spiegel, Vol VIII, No 31, 22 Sep 1954, Hamburg, pg 12-25

Father: had been active officer in old army; retired early; became publication director at publishing house of Ferdinand Hirt in Breslau

- (18 years old; secondary-school graduate)
- 1920 Reinhard GEHLEN one of first officer candidates of new temporary Reichswehr (Reich Armed Forces) whose reduction to 100,000 men was still in future; joined 1st Battery of the Schweidnitz Artillery Regiment No. 2nd
- 1923, Dec 1 Commissioned/Lt., 2nd Battery of Schweidnitz 3rd Artillery Regiment, formed from the 6th Artillery Regt. Three more years in battery service in the stables and in the barracks.
- 1926 GEHLEN, one of the most brilliant riders in the regiment, was ordered to Hannover cavalry school for 2 years (instruction of officers of mounted and horse-drawn troops in "the comprehensive training of the soldier's horse and its rider.")
- 1928 During cavalry-school tour of duty made 1st Lt., after 8 years of service.
- 1929-32 Battalion Adjutant (accord. to army register); had 12 years of service; was married to daughter of old Hussar officer, nee von REXDLITZ.
- ordered to
- 1933 1st Lt. GEHLEN from Ar 3, Military Area III, Berlin for training as "assistant chief of staff" ~~following selection~~ at military-area hqs following selection based on mandatory examinations which all Reichswehr officers had to take at military-area hqs in middle of the first-lieutenant stage; hardly ever were more than an average of 10 officer picked from each military area. There was no central war academy.
- 1934 Captain; 14th year of service
- " Military-area instruction courses transferred to the re-established Berlin War Academy. Reinhard GEHLEN belonged to first class which in 1935 completed the final grind at the War Academy, and was one of the selected ("red stripe" - General Staff) officers ordered to the General Staff; after a probationary year he was definitely moved to the General Staff and allowed to wear the red stripe on his pants.
- 1935 Adjutant to Deputy Chief of General Staff I (Operations) on the General Staff of the Army, who was deputy of the Chief of Staff and also in charge of Section 1 (Operations); Capt. GEHLEN had no contact with Sec. 3 (Foreign Armies West) and 12 (Foreign Armies East) because they were under command of Deputy Chief of the General Staff IV (Intelligence). After a year as Adjutant, GEHLEN transferred to Operations Section under command of General von Manteuffel; after a further year moved into Home Fortification Section which had been formed from Section 1.
- 1936
- 1937

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Capt. GEHLEN, in his 18th year of service, had never commanded a unit of his own.

1936

General von MANSTEIN on 1 Apr 35 took command of 18th Infantry Division whose 18th Artillery Regiment had grown out of JAG 3, GEHLEN's parent unit; Capt. GEHLEN assigned commander of the 8th Battery of the 18th Regiment at Liegnitz.

In Polish War, Major GEHLEN was First General-Staff Officer (Ia), M133 Div.

Recalled to General Staff of the Army; first functioned as liaison officer to various armies (16th of Gen. EUSCH "where so difficult a man as Gen. MODEL was C of S; and armored groups of HOTH and SCHERERIAN).

Diplomatic talents exhibited by GEHLEN as liaison officer prompted Chief of the General Staff, General HALDER, to name him as his Adjutant.

After his tour as adjutant, GEHLEN called to Operations Section under command of then Colonel HEUSINGER; GEHLEN became director of eastern group in Operations Section.

Replaced Colonel KRIEGER as chief of section "Foreign Armies East"; Colonel GEHLEN for the first time came in contact with variant of intelligence service functions. GEHLEN promoted successfully, within a year, inclusion of intelligence-service duties and evaluation of results in Ic section: to extent that Ic officers of army-group high commands had so-called "front reconnaissance troops" at their disposal in regimental strength; front reconnaissance formations were divided up into Commands I (procurement of secret info), II (demoralization of enemy and sabotage) and III (counteract and render harmless the foreign intel. services and itself infiltrate the enemy services with its own undercover agents) and the newly organized group AII (Rüstungsaufklärung - armaments reconnaissance). As Admiral CANAL's counterintelligence fell apart GEHLEN's own intelligence service took form; in May '44 CANAL was removed and at this time GEHLEN had his own army intelligence service standing in the East which could continue its work relatively undisturbed under protective cover of the General Staff and the Ic service of the high staffs; GEHLEN, according to classical pattern of his function on General Staff, should have been reviewing enemy's situation on eastern front but was in fact chief of counterintelligence in eastern theater of war.

GEHLEN, last Army Chief of Staff, gave situation briefing to HITLER based on General GEHLEN's statements; HITLER scoffed.

GEHLEN gave another situation briefing based on Gen. GEHLEN's data; HITLER demanded GEHLEN's resignation.

GEHLEN surrendered near (Lüneburg - Lüneburger) to American patrol flown to Washington with some high officers and files. GEHLEN's resignation was accepted; section Foreign Armies East of the German General Staff specialists to work on intelligence about Soviet union and its sphere of influence.

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M/R: Only for the record info: compiled thru dredging, 19 Oct 56.

The following is info on one of Reinhard 'GEBLEN's alias:

- GONTARD, Robert
b. 4 Mar 1905, Breslau, Germany.

Father: Franz GONTARD, German.
Mother: Elsa GONTARD, German.

174 cms, blue eyes, dark blond hair, wears spectacles.

1937-45	German Wehrmacht,
1945-	Merchant, 10 Gaentherburg Allee, Frankfurt a/Main.
2 Apr 48	Subject issued KK M 478039, Frankfurt/M by Police President.
27 Dec 48	D-2831. Subject had passport # 49203.
19 Jul 50:	TTD # 186070 cancelled this date. (had expired).
Jul 50	TTD # 0347186 issued.

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 & Dr. SCHNEIDER

27 Nov 56, MR C [] In a recent discussion re UPSWING Staff Personnel UTILITY stated that although he had given up over 20 individuals to the Defense Ministry and elsewhere he had since legalization been successful in recruiting some 200 new (mostly young) Staff members. He further stated that slots and money were no problem for him regarding personnel. The main difficulty was finding the suitable people, not only from a point of view of their ability and promise but from a security standpoint as well.

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